रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) और (ख) सेना के सभी कार्मिकों की सेवा निवृत्ति की आयु बढ़ाकर 58 वर्ष करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है क्योंकि ऐसा करना सेना का युवा स्वरूप बनाये रखने तथा उसकी युद्ध क्षमता को बरकरार रखने में बाधक होगा।

भारतीय नौसेना के लिए तीसरा विमान वाहक पोत

620. श्री अजीत जोगी :
कुमारी आलिया :

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय नौसेना के लिये एक तीसरे विमान वाहक पोत का निर्माण करने के लिये कोई निर्णय ले लिया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Standard code for data processing in Hindi

621. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any code for data processing in Hindi which is included in International standard codes along with English, Japanese etc.;

(b) whether India is being represented on the international code standardisation committee, if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for changing the standard code for Hindi resulting into confusion among software developers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The draft proposal of the Indian Standard Code for Information Interchange (ISCII) prepared jointly by the Department of Electronics and Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has been forwarded to the International Standards Organisation (ISO) for inclusion in their Standard along with other international languages.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The code standardisation activities were evolving from 1988 onwards. It is only in 1991 that an Indian standard for all Indian languages including Hindi is getting finalised, through the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

Irrational drug policy of Government

622. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Drug manufacturers, chemists and druggists all over the country have threatened to cease work on August 26 in protest against irrational policy of Government towards the drugs and pharmaceutical industry; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Drug manufacturers, chemists and druggists went on strike on August 26 against certain demands made by them. The issues raised are under active consideration of the Government.

Development of Petrochemical Industry in Maharashtra

623. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the

expansion and development of Petrochemical industries in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Most of the items in the Petrochemical sector have been delicensed in the New Industrial policy and it is hoped that this would give an impetus to the growth of the industry in the States; including Maharashtra.

Service conditions of defence personnel

624. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the policy regarding pension and terms of service of Defence Personnel; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to reduce the retirement age of Defence Personnel and absorb them in Central Reserve Police Force, Border Security Force and other para-military and Police forces in the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The overall policy regarding the pensions of Defence Services personnel is not intended to be reviewed. The terms of service, including the prescribed length of service, of such personnel are however, reviewed from time to time.

Instructions already exist for the reservation of jobs under the Government and Public Sector Undertakings for the placement of ex-Servicemen.

Report on the beneficiaries of Public Distribution System

625. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the report on the beneficiaries of the Public Distribution System of National Council of Applied Economic Research has identified more than 33 per cent PDS beneficiaries which do not fall under the poverty level, especially in urban areas;

(b) whether Government propose to reduce the supply of edible oil through the public disribution system in the urban areas to the extent of 33 per cent in order to conserve foreign exchange outgo on the imports of edible oil; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) A study by National Council of Applied Economic Research has suggested exclusion of certain categories of beneficiaries from foodgrain entitlements under the Public Distribution System (PDS).

(b) and (c) Allocation of PDS items is made to State Governments/UT Administrations as a whole. Decisions regarding allocations and scales of ration within the State are taken by the State Governments/UT Administrations.

परमाणु ऊर्जा संयंत्रों की कुल क्षमता का उपयोग न किया जाना

626. श्री रणजीत सिंह :
डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि परमाणु ऊर्जा का उत्पादन इन संयंत्रों की स्थापित उत्पादन क्षमता के अनुरूप नहीं किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो देश में मार्च, 1991 में परमाणु ऊर्जा की कुल उत्पादन क्षमता कितने मैगावाट थी; और

(ग) देश में भरपूर उत्पादन क्षमता का उपयोग न हो पाने का क्या कारण है ?